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Sir:

Pursuant to the requirements in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, and in conformance with 37 C.F.R. 1.97 and 1.98, Applicant hereby submits an Information Disclosure Statement. Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner: (1) consider the following documents during the course of his or her examination of the above-identified patent application, and (2) list the following documents in the References Cited section of any patent that may issue from the above-identified patent application.

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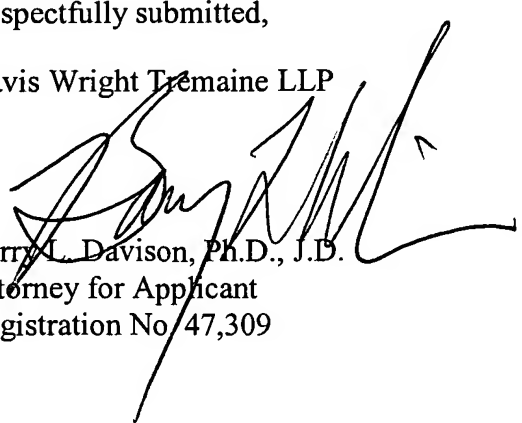
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Applicant respectfully requests consideration of the foregoing documents during examination of the above-identified patent application. Applicant has enclosed a completed Information Disclosure Statement by Applicant and copies of the non-US patent and non-patent literature documents.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed prior to issuance of the first Office Action. No fee is believed due. If any fee is deemed due, the Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account 04-0258 of Davis Wright Tremaine LLP. A copy of this document is enclosed.

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